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DATE:

February 3, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Schwan-Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Peanut Butter Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was available for catalog or Internet purchase from Schwan's Home Service, Inc. by consumers nationwide January 2007-2009. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Schwan Voluntarily Recalls Ice Cream Citing Possible Health Risk

Contact:

Schwan's 800-225-7192

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- (MARSHALL, MN – January 31, 2009) Schwan's Global Supply Chain, Inc., in cooperation with the FDA, initiated a voluntary and precautionary recall of one ice cream product containing peanut products that were sourced from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at http://www.cdc.gov.

The following Schwan's Home Service product is involved:

1.75 quarts, carton of "#216 Schwan's® Caramel Peanut Chocolate Bar" ice cream (bar code 517744) with the following product identification codes:



- 187142
- 187166
- 188191
- 188218
- 188235
- 189008
- 189014

The product was available for catalog or Internet purchase from Schwan's Home Service, Inc. by consumers nationwide January 2007-2009. If you have any of this product, please contact your Customer Service Manager or call (800) 225-7192.

The issue was discovered when a peanut ingredient supplier to Schwan's stated that it had shipped product to Schwan's that was sourced from Peanut Corporation of America in Blakely, Georgia.

"Our number one priority is to provide safe, high-quality food to our customers," said Jeff Varcoe, Vice President of Schwan's Food Safety and Quality. "We are voluntarily recalling this product as a precautionary measure to ensure our customer's safety and ask that they return any unused product to their Customer Service Manager on their next regularly scheduled visit."

Anyone concerned about their health after consuming this product should contact a physician. Media questions for Schwan's Home Service, Inc. should be directed to Peggy Connot, Schwan's Public Relations at (507)-537-8550. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact Schwan's Home Service, Inc. at (800) 225-7192.

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